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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H. *JEF*
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S USE OF DELEGATED
AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NUMBER 12 TO THE LABORATORY SPECIMEN
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ACCURATE COURIER SERVICES,
INC.**

This is to advise you that the Department of Public Health (DPH) will exercise its delegated authority as approved by your Board on December 11, 2007, to execute Amendment Number 12 to Agreement Number H-71250 with Accurate Courier Services, Inc. (Accurate) to increase the per stop pickup rate by 10 percent, for the period of September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (nine months). DPH is preparing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for this shared laboratory specimen transportation service between DPH and the Department of Health Services (DHS). The anticipated release date for the RFP is December 2008.

The delegated authority action approved by your Board provided for the approximate cost of \$646,741 (\$53,895 per month) which includes the 10 percent rate increase for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (12 months). Accurate anticipated a rate increase in July 2008, however, confirmation of the rate increase was not received from Accurate until August 2008. Thereby, costs related to this action will be funded for nine months, with existing DPH and DHS resources.

Accurate is subject to the requirements of the County's Living Wage Program (Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.201) for its full-time employees at the current Living Wage of \$11.84 per hour without health benefits. Thereby, this Amendment will include updated Living Wage language and rate which became effective June 15, 2007.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved Amendment Number 12 to Accurate's Laboratory Specimen Transportation Services Agreement. All other terms, conditions, and restrictions remain unchanged and in full effect.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
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